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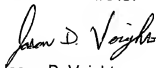
Claims 8-16 and 18-21 are pending.

Claims 13-16 stand rejected as being anticipated by Repo et al. *Journal of Organometallic Chemistry*, Vol. 541, pp. 363-366 (1997). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. Applicants note that the metallocenes of formula (Ia) and (I) of the present claims are **bridged**, but the bis-cyclopentadienyl metallocenes disclosed by Repo et al. are **unbridged**. For example, the schematic structures in Fig. 1 Repo et al. do not contain the bridging structural element B<sub>k</sub> of formula I of claim 13. Therefore, Repo et al. does not anticipate the present claims.

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